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U.S. Army Kwajalein Atoll, Republic of the Marshall Islands

7th Infantry key to battle on Kwajalein

(Editor's Note: Part I of a two-part series commemorating the 56th anniversary of Operation Flintlock, the invasion of the Marshall Islands by U.S. forces in 1944.)

By Peter Rejcek

They seem to best remember the artillery barrage, a spectacular and deadly fireworks show that sent coral flying like shrapnel and left Kwajalein a wasteland of splintered, leafless tree trunks.

"The amount of artillery firing by the combined artillery units was fantastic. Watching the Navy shell Kwaj was a sight to see," recalled Roy Dunklebarger, a battalion motor officer for the 7th Infantry Division, 31st Field Artillery Battalion, during the World War II Battle for Kwajalein.

This week marks the 56th anniversary of *Operation Flintlock*, the code name for the Marshall Islands invasion by U.S. forces that delivered a fatal blow to Imperial Japan in the Pacific. The U.S. Army 7th Infantry Division, as part of a seven-day campaign to capture Kwajalein, played a key role in the operation. The *Hourglass*, which is named after the 7th Infantry insignia, contacted a few of those veterans with the help of the 7th Infantry Division Association for first-hand accounts of the battle and to see what had become of these brave men.

The association has some 1,400 members, about half of whom are World War II veterans, according to Doug Halbert, executive secretary for the 7th Infantry Division Association and a Korean War veteran. Halbert said 222 members on the roster list an association with

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IFT-4 proves mettle of new elements



(DoD photo)

The ground based interceptor launches from Meck during the Jan. 19 IFT-4.

By Jim Bennett

NMD Site Manager Jim Hill and Boeing/LSI Site Manager Jerry Cornell have seen the news coverage of this month's Integrated Flight Test-4 (IFT-4), and they don't agree with some.

True, the exoatmospheric kill vehicle (EKV) failed to strike the incoming reentry vehicle (RV), but that was only part of the test and the story.

"This is exactly why we test," Cornell said. "This way we can build a fully functional piece of

equipment."

Preliminary data indicates two infrared sensors aboard the exoatmospheric kill vehicle, an experimental DoD missile, caused the failure, according to a release from the Armed Forces Press Service.

Though viewed in many news reports as a miss, the \$100 million test achieved all objectives save the actual hit.

The flight included new elements of the National Missile Defense

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NMD prepares for upcoming missions ...

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system, such as the Ground Based Radar Prototype (GBR-P) and Battle Management Command, Control and Communications Center (BMC3).

"All that worked as planned or better," said Hill, NMD site manager. "The (GBR-P) radar picked up earlier than expected. As a system test, it all worked exceptionally well. We had a component failure, not a system failure."

The prime contractor for the system is Boeing. Raytheon built the EKV, and TRW built the BMC3 system.

Elements of the Kwajalein Missile Range performed even better than in the successful IFT-3 mission, as well.

Global Positioning System, advanced over the past years, gave real-time track data during the test and while all primary GPS worked during IFT-4, NMD is incorporating back-up stations in Kauai for future tests, Hill said.

"We will slowly be implementing additional things to give us redundancy and better coverage," he said.

And future tests are on the horizon.

The NMD Team will participate outside the upcoming Glory Trip mission in March, not as a part of the Air Force mission, but using the Minuteman III missile shot as a "target of opportunity" to test systems.

Also in March, the team will participate in a mission involving a new target delivery system for the program. The new target incorporates new decoys and what Hill called "a sewer pipe," or a simple mass model of an RV. The team will test the NMD systems in every way with the new target, but rather than fire an interceptor, simulate a knockdown.

The team is scheduled in May to fire off IFT-5, during which they will again incorporate the numerous elements of the NMD System in an effort to knock down an RV.

President Bill Clinton is set to

review the program for implementation in June.

"Yeah, there's more pressure now," Hill admitted. "But we're confident in our test programs and procedures."

"Looking back to IFT-1a and IFT-2, we had 18-24 months between missions," added Cornell. "Now, we're turning it around in 100 days."

Hill added missions now are less determined by the team's technical and training readiness and more by the availability of hardware such as targets, interceptors and EKVs. All are now more available than in the early stages of the program.

Other less mission-critical logistical improvements include the installation of an NMD test operation center at Building 1010 and 1009, thus giving the NMD team offices on Kwajalein, as well as Meck.

Said Hill, "We (NMD) plan to be here awhile."

Aviation hits maintenance high ...

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The repair of the aircraft set to return to duty, marks a maintenance highpoint for the Aviation Department.

"This is not field level maintenance, anywhere in the aviation world," said Steve Josephson, maintenance coordinator. "We've never done this level of work before on Kwajalein, as a result we have learned a lot. We are making sure the job gets done right the first time."

The crew encountered difficulties ordering special tools, obtaining special parts and acquiring large numbers of uniquely sized fasteners.

The top of the wing skin on the Dash-7 is a single machined piece with reinforced "doubler" plates at various stress points. On two such doublers, workers discovered in a routine examination the top of the doubler was "wavy" by a fraction of an inch and after more investigation found corrosion under the doubler plates. They had to be replaced and

the plane was grounded.

"Because of our comprehensive corrosion control program, we found the problem and took the corrective action," Beckett said.

Aviation staff spent three weeks communicating with the manufacturer, Bombardier Aerospace, to come up with the plan for fixing the wings.

"It's a very arduous and technical process," Beckett said.

So are the repairs.

A replacement .071-inch doubler plate is held in place with epoxy "glue" and 500 fasteners. The plate is manufactured here and a worker will crawl into the 16-inch by 10-inch hole in the top of the plane and slide themselves in between the aircraft skeleton ribs to position themselves where they can attach the plate from the inside.

"It's not easy," Josephson said.

If all goes well, the aircraft should be in the air by the middle of this week.

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Pokemon masters coming to Kwajalein to battle

Story by Bob Fore

First it was monsters with names such as Godzilla or Mothra that terrorized Japan and other islands in this part of the world. Now, an even more insidious threat looms just over the horizon from our idyllic island home.

A group of scientists on another island, not believed to be so far away from our own, have accidentally created an evil mutant Pokemon named Mewtwo. This creature has found others like himself, and they intend to overthrow their human trainers and rule the universe.

It has fallen on the shoulders of Ash Ketchum, a young Pokemon trainer, and his friends to save the day. With his fighting Pokemon, Pikachu, Ash will have to defeat the evil menace in battle.

Pokemon masters and trainers will be competing against each other in an effort to prove their combatant's strengths and skills right here on Kwajalein. At 7:30 p.m. on both Saturday, Feb. 5, and Monday, Feb. 7, "Pokemon—The First Movie" will be shown at the Richardson Theater. A Sunday performance will also be shown at the Tradewinds Theater on Roi-Namur, Feb. 6, at 9:30 p.m.

The Pokemon movie promises to fill the Richardson Theater to the brim with kids, each wanting to see their favorite Pokemon in battle. With 151 different Pokemon creatures in existence, there promises to be plenty of action and interest among the audience.

The Pokemon craze has swept the globe in a big way. Children have been caught up in the trend, and are creating a merchandiser's dream world. With everything from trading cards to computer games based on



Pokemon characters are heroes for children from around the world. Savvy marketing made the phenomenon a truly profitable cash generator. (Photo courtesy Nintendo web site at <http://www.pokemon.com/>)

the concept, these Pokemon characters have a broad and loyal following.

Japanese cartoons have been shown in the U.S. for some time now, dubbed into English. So it is not unexpected that another fad would sweep the country, invading our homes with villains that can only be defeated by superheroes.

In the world of the Pokemon, trainers vie for combat badges by capturing and training their own Pokemon creatures. These creatures, with varying abilities and powers, are pitted against each other in contests to help decide which trainer is the best. The winners qualify for contest badges — and the right to attain a higher level and be considered a Pokemon master.

Kids have taken to Pokemon in a big way, similar to the Furby or Beanie Baby fads of recent years. Parents find themselves being caught up in the fun, trying to answer questions from inquisitive sons and daughters, not to mention having to pay the bills for purchasing Pokemon items their kids just have to get.

In a search of the Internet, it was possible to find 142 web sites for Pokemon using the Yahoo search engine.

Those web sites contain everything from chat rooms, message/bulletin boards, giveaways, stadium tour competitions, web site builder tools and advice and hyperlinks to other Pokemon-related web sites.

The Nintendo Pokemon World Wide Web site at www.pokemon.com/ and the Pokemon Party web site that can be found at www.pokemonparty.com are good places for parents who wish to know more about the Pokemon phenomenon.

Kids of all ages are getting into the action, with game system cartridges already available and more coming this winter. Cards detailing the different Pokemon and their capabilities are traded and played against each other.

Kwajalein has not escaped the craze. Kids already carry Pokemon cards with them wherever they go. Two teams in the small fry soccer league even sport Pokemon names. If you stand near any kids for any length of time, it is a good bet you will hear names such as Pikachu, Charmander, Charmeleon, Eevee, Butterfree or Haunter.

So, if you want to be a hero to your child, be sure to take them to the movies this coming weekend, then stand well back out of the way.

Soldiers left war with memories and medals ...

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Kwajalein.

One of those members is Dunklebarger, whose military career began in 1936 when he joined Troop L, 103rd Cavalry in the Pennsylvania National Guard. Besides the Kwajalein campaign, Dunklebarger said he saw action on Kiska in the Aleutian Islands, as well as on Leyte in the Philippines and Okinawa. After the war, Dunklebarger returned to Pennsylvania and his job as a tool and die designer for Cerro Brass Co. A first lieutenant at the end of the war, he rejoined the National Guard and helped reactivate the 190th Field Artillery Battalion.

Later, Dunklebarger resigned his commission as a captain to devote more time to his insurance agency, which he operated for 35 years.

"I have been retired for 18 years and enjoy traveling with my wife of 58 years. We have been to all states but two," he said.

Dan Boone, a field officer with the 7th Infantry, 31st Field Artillery Battalion, was initially tasked with

raising the artillery barrage as the first troops approached the beach on Feb. 1, 1944. There was a lot of firepower involved, he recalled — almost too much.

While considered the "near perfect" amphibious operation in military history, Boone noted there were some rough spots in the attack, particularly in the early stages following the capture of Carlson and other islands in the southern half of the atoll before Kwaj was assaulted.

"Five battalions of artillery were placed on Carlson and adjusted the day prior to the landing," Boone explained. "The batteries were so close to each other that some rotating bands would fall in battery areas. Prior to the landing the first fire command to all batteries was 55 rounds at the same elevation. The landing area's elevation was reduced at least three feet. The division air officer, a major, was to lift the fire while observing from a Navy Kingfisher.

"The Navy pilot was not familiar with trajectories of howitzers and they flew into our own fire. My job

was backup to the Kingfisher. From the artillery view, it was a turkey shoot."

Like Dunklebarger, Boone later saw action in the Philippines and Okinawa. He was also among the first troops to occupy Korea, and later left the service as a captain.

Today: "I'm 78 and trying to be graceful in seniority."

Veteran Frank Lambert, a private first class with E Company, and Loyd Carlson, a corporal and assistant squad leader in Company A, 50th Combat Engineers, share some grim memories of the battle.

"Flying coral [was] a main hazard. I lost some good friends, [but] it was a short battle," Lambert said. "A good battle weather-wise compared to Attu [in the Aleutians]."

Carlson recalled, "Seeing the main island on the way in — it was very green — covered with palm trees. Nearly all were gone after the battle; the trees and all buildings were rubble."

As a member of the shore party, Carlson explained he was responsible for getting supplies,

ammunition and other items from the landing boats to the artillery, all while fighting seasickness in water likely churned by the battle's fury.

"I remember the smell of dead bodies, which lingered for several weeks," he added.

Later in the war, Lambert was wounded near the end of the battle in Okinawa. He received a Purple Heart, but said the wound was "nothing serious. Hit by shrapnel in my left hand. It drew blood. The medics took it out."

Years later, in 1984, Lambert said he was awarded the



Soldiers take a "10-minute break" in the relative safety of this tank column.

Bronze Star for “meritorious achievement in ground combat against the armed enemy during World War II in the Asiatic Pacific theater of operations.”

After 50 months in the military, Lambert left the service, married and worked 30 years for the Chicago Transit Authority as a bus driver. He retired in 1978 and has been living in Las Vegas for the past seven years.

Carlson, 77, was discharged in 1946 and went to college at the University of South Dakota and the California Institute of Technology, working as a geologist for Chevron Oil for 25 years, a contractor for Department of Energy for two years and as a consultant for 12 years. He’s now retired, living in Grand Junction, Colo.

An attempt to contact Byron Bowdish of Flushing, Ohio through e-mail instead found his son, Will, who responded to our questions about his 83-year-old father.

“He does not talk much about the war,” Will Bowdish said. “I have heard him say several times that the Army ‘Brass’ promised them [they] would have complete air superiority before they landed on Kwajalein and [they] did. He did not see any enemy planes.”

According to the younger Bowdish, his father, like the others, also fought on Attu and Leyte, as well as Okinawa, where he fell ill and was sent home, leaving the service as a corporal with a Bronze Star.

Bowdish, married 60 years, has four children and retired from retail sales in Ohio, where he moved on doctor’s advice to avoid warmer climes after his illness in Okinawa.

Another veteran responding to *Hourglass* inquiries was retired U.S. Army Col. John Edward Gray. It turned out, however, that Gray was actually at Kwajalein as a Marine aboard the *USS Maryland* in bombardment support. Later, Gray saw action with the 7th Infantry during the first year of the Korean War as an 81mm Mortar Platoon Leader, M Company, 31st Infantry.

While he might not have been a member of the 7th Infantry during the Kwajalein battle, it seems appropriate to include the honor Gray brought to the Hourglass



Soldiers take a rest and pose for the camera after the battle on Kwajalein.

during the Korean War — a Distinguished Service Cross, the Silver Star Medal and a Purple Heart with two oak leaf clusters.

Like the men who served under the Hourglass insignia, the 7th Infantry Division continued to distinguish itself throughout the years, particularly in Korea, when it was chosen to launch an amphibious attack at Inchon in 1950. It served in Korea throughout the war, seeing action at such infamous sites as Heartbreak in 1952 and Pork Chop Hill in 1953.

For nearly 20 years the 7th Infantry served defensive duty in South Korea. After a brief deactivation, the division was reactivated in 1974 and based in Ford Ord, Calif. It saw action again in 1988 and 1989 in Honduras and Panama, but was deactivated in 1994.

However, just last year, the 7th Infantry Division returned to service as three separate infantry brigades that are National Guard units.

“Today, it’s a different format. None of the old regiments are



The artillery barrage from Carlson helped soften up Japanese defenses on Kwajalein.

involved,” Halbert said.

The faces may be different, but the mission remains the same, as the units have been deployed four times to trouble spots around the world, including Bosnia.

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HELP WANTED

KAPS INSTRUCTORS, Education Dept. Degree in early childhood or education preferred but not required. Teaching or caregiving experience with children helpful. Selected individuals will need to be energetic, motivated and punctual and have leadership skills. Selected individuals will be required to undergo a criminal history background check. Submit application or resumé to HR, Nancy, 53705.

MAIL CLERK, USAKA/KMR. Full-time positions, two GS-03 and two GS-04 positions. Vacancies will be open soon. For more information, call Terry, 54417.

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TECHNICAL LIBRARIAN, Facilities Engineering Dept. Full-time position. Individual will be responsible for maintaining the Technical Library, as well as administering and recording engineering drawings and files. Must have knowledge of MS Word, Excel and Access. For more information or to apply, call HR, Nancy, 53705.

CALL ACCOUNTING CLERK, Finance Dept. Full-time position. Individual will be responsible for processing payments and cashing checks for customers; issuing TA tickets to people traveling to Roi; depositing daily drop at the bank; reconciling deposits made by various facilities on island; assisting in the month end close for the cash office and entering data into Oracle. Must have knowledge of MS Office and Oracle software. Submit resumé or application to HR, Nancy, 53705.

FILM TECHNICIAN, Photo Lab/Optics. Full-time position. Individual will be responsible for receiving and maintaining computer files on photographic job orders, as well as classified data products and preparing time and material expenditures for billing. Individual must be able to operate KMR digital archiving system, perform Adobe PhotoShop manipulations and scan and archive mission and non-mission film data products. A top secret security clearance is required. Submit application or resumé to HR, Nancy, 53705.

The next boating orientation class is Wednesday, Feb. 9, and Thursday, Feb. 10, 6-8 p.m., in CRC Room 1. Attendance both nights is required. Contact the Small Boat Marina, 53643, or Community Activities, 53331, to sign up or for more information. Fee is \$20.

Surfside Beauty Salon and Barber Shop are in need of your old or new magazines. Bring them by the shop during regular hours. The more recent the better.

SECRETARY, Community Activities. Part-time position. Looking for well-qualified, self-motivated individual who will be responsible for the development and maintenance of an administrative database, labor recording, supply requisitions, as well as other duties. Experience in Microsoft Office 95, filing systems, basic office organization and good interpersonal, oral and written communication a must. Submit application or resumé to HR, Nancy, 53705.

Raytheon postings for on-island positions are listed in the Hourglass. Off-island positions are updated weekly in the Career Opportunities Book at the HR counter, Bldg. 700.

WANTED

HOUSE TO STAY at for visiting relatives (husband and wife) in late February or early March for approximately two weeks. Call 52379.

HOUSE OR TRAILER to sit April 15-29 (longer if you need it). Family visiting. Call Tom Krasuski, 52573H or 58331W.

DO YOU KNOW someone in the community who volunteers his or her time above and beyond the call of duty? If so, drop that person's name along with a 25-word description of that person's contribution in the *Hourglass* drop box (Building 805, second floor).

LOST

BLUE SNORKEL in water off North Point one month ago. Call 53159.

FOUND

AT VARIOUS athletic fields: Umbrella, canvas bag with sports attire, glasses, sunglasses and a camera case. Call 53331 to claim. If these items are not claimed by Feb. 29, they will be donated to Bargain Bazaar.

FOR SALE

TWO COMPLETE sets of scuba gear: masks, fins, snorkels, weight belts, weights, medium Scuba Pro BCD with AIR II, Scuba Pro first and second stage with AIR II inflator hose and console with depth and pressure gauges, \$350 each; aluminum 80-cubic-foot scuba tanks (four), \$50 each; Sony 21" color TV with remote, less than two years old, \$200. Call Greg, 56752 and leave a message.

SUITCASES, steamer, foot and body massager, plastic ware, picnic table, electric steamer and knife, clothes. Call 52466.

MEN'S HUFFY bike, new, \$65. Call 51380 and leave a message.

MEN'S THREE-SPEED coaster brake bicycle, good condition, \$40. Call 51354.

SONY PLAYSTATION with two controllers,

Small Arms Range Notice

The small arms range will be in operation tomorrow, 8 a.m.-noon. Avoid the hazard area shown below.



one memory card and 13 games, \$300; six Nintendo 64 games, \$35 each; DVD movies, \$15 each. Call Mike, 52929W or 53766H.

SONY CD/DVD player, model DVP-S530D, one month old, \$300. Call 51099.

SCUBA EQUIPMENT, two sets, everything but air tanks. Call 51099.

KING-SIZE sheets, \$15; microwave, new, still in box, \$60; twin-size comforter, \$10. Call Kim, 56048 or 56334.

PENTIUM 166 1.6 GB hard drive, 16 MB RAM, 33.6 bps modem, surge protector, 14" monitor and lots of software, \$600; Sanyo 21" TV, \$75; two-burner hot plate, \$30; dishes and silverware, \$20 for everything; Kwaj bike, \$20; bathroom scale, \$7; women's sandals, size 8, never worn, \$10. Call 53708 and leave a message.

MID-TOWER ATX computer case with 250-watt power supply, \$40 or best offer; videos; *Lethal Weapon 2* DVD, \$12; software: *Jumpstart kindergarten*, *Jumpstart 1st grade*, *Jumpstart 2nd grade*, \$10 each; patio furniture umbrella, \$10. Call 53062 or 51618.

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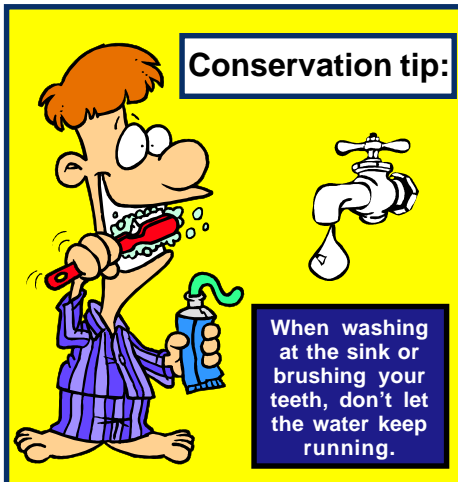
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Friday 6-8 p.m.

Saturday noon-2 p.m.

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masts and booms, \$200; Kwaj-condition bike, \$20; Roadmaster 21-speed bike, \$60; various fishing rods and reels. Call 52275.

KITCHEN TABLE, coffee table, chest, rug, blinds, desks, VCRs, bike, floor lamp, printer, globe, gas mask with tank and CD player. Call 52584.

ENTERTAINMENT CENTER, nice quality oak and oak veneer, glass doors and wood door on side, two drawers below TV space, wood-slatted closures over TV space, 60" tall, 56" wide, 28" TV opening, \$250. Call 53749.

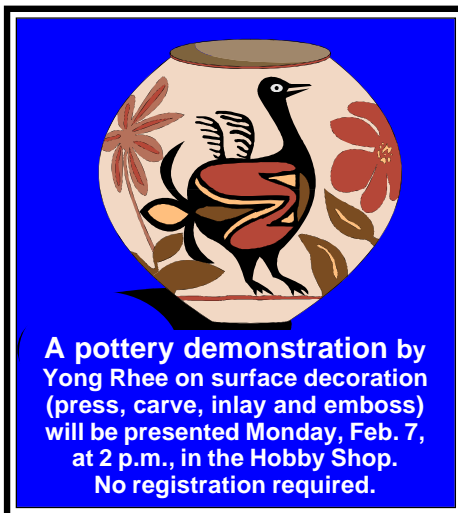
MEN'S GOLF clubs, used, with two bags, cart and three putters, \$100. Call 54525 after 5 p.m.

TWO 16" BIKES, one girls', one boys'. Call 54642.

INFANT CARSEAT, \$25; Kwaj-condition stroller, \$10; baby soft gate, \$10; booster chair, \$10; small barbecue, \$10. Call 53124.

COMMUNITY NOTICES

KWAJALEIN AMATEUR Radio Club's monthly meeting Friday, 7 p.m., in CRC Room 6, will include a special guest from Spratley Island in the South China Sea, who will present a slide show of ham radio



operations. For more information, call 522584.

MICRONESIAN Handicraft Shop is always seeking new volunteers. Join us and meet new friends as you learn about Micronesian handicrafts and culture. Our proceeds are used to further educational opportunities for Micronesian students. Your efforts would support that cause.

MEN'S MONTHLY prayer breakfast will be Monday, Feb. 7, at 7 a.m., in the Religious Education Building. Newcomers always welcome.

ART GUILD'S spring arts and crafts fair will be Monday, March 20. Applications are on the mini-mall bulletin board.

WORSHIP WITH a group of Christians with the goal of restoring the New Testament Church by using the Bible as their only guide. Sundays, 10:45-11:45 a.m., in CRC Room 1. Bible classes Thursdays, 7-8 p.m., in the Religious Education Building.

DURING THE MONTHLY supply barge operation Friday, all personnel are asked to remain outside the barricaded one-block area around the supply warehouse complex. This area is bounded by Marine Road, Poinsettia Street, and 6th and 8th streets. This request is in the interest of everyone's safety. Questions? Call Shipping and Receiving, 52180.

MOPS (Mothers of Preschoolers) will meet Thursday, 8:45 a.m., in the Religious Education Building. For more information, call Joan, 52280. MOPS is sponsored by the Protestant chapel.

THERE WILL be a student music recital Friday, Feb. 11, 7 p.m., in the high school MP room.

PRESERVE YOUR family recipes by including them in the next Kwaj cookbook. Send in any kind of recipe — the focus this week is on pupu recipes. Submit printed or typed recipes including name, phone number and dates you visited or lived on Kwajalein, by Friday, Feb. 4, to CWF, P.O. Box 1068, Local. Questions? Call Pat, 53355.

WORLD DAY of prayer organizational luncheon will be tomorrow, 11:30 a.m., in the Religious Education Building. All faiths are welcome to send representatives to help with the planning of this ecumenical service. Questions? Call Lora, 54186.

ADULT COMMUNITY Ed ESL II starts tomorrow, 5:30 p.m., in the library conference room. Questions? Call Gerri, 54430.

YOKWE YUK Women's Club meeting scheduled for Tuesday, Feb. 8, has been cancelled. Questions? Call Gerri, 54430, or Lesley, 53235.

ATTENTION BOAT OWNERS on moorings: For tracking purposes only, Small Boat Marina will be numbering all moorings in the harbor and adjacent areas. Questions? Call Trea, 53643.

★ This week ★
at the
Yokwe Yuk Lounge



Tonight

CPN radio DJ Jim Muhich
plays all the best rock n' roll,
7-11 p.m.



Saturday

is the night to party with CPN
radio DJ Rich Feagler playing all
the best music from the
'80s and '90s.



Sunday

Join us for a night of singing and
dancing with your favorite
karaoke host, Harry Luckett,
8 p.m.-1 a.m..

See you at the movies!**Saturday****Pokemon (New Release, G)**

On a remote island, scientists have created a clone Pokemon named Mewtwo, who tries to get fellow creatures to rebel against their human trainers. Pokemon trainer Ash and his pals, along with the loveable Pikachu, must battle Mewtwo in order to stop him. (125 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Double Jeopardy (New Release, R)

After a six-year prison sentence for killing her husband (who had faked his own death in an insurance scam), an innocent woman decides to take the money from the scam, and a tired old cop is given the duty of tracking her down. (Tommy Lee Jones, Ashley Judd, Spencer Treat Clark) (106 minutes)
Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8:00p.m.

Superstar (New Release, PG-13)

The Saturday Night Live character Mary Katherine Gallagher is brought to the big screen in this film about a young Catholic school girl who dreams of making it big again, despite malicious treatment at the hands of the most popular girl in school. (Molly Shannon, Will Farrell)
Tradewinds Theater, Roi-Namur, 8:00 p.m.

Sunday**An American In Paris (Classic, NR, 1967)**

Fine dancing, a classic music score by Gershwin and the romantic settings of Paris, the City of Lights, make this film one of the great musicals of all time. (Gene Kelly, Leslie Caron) (113 minutes)
Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Superstar (New Release, PG-13)

Richardson Theater, 9:30 p.m.

Double Jeopardy (New Release, R)

Tradewinds Theater, Roi Namur, 7:30 p.m.

Pokemon (New Release, G, 1999)

Tradewinds Theater, Roi Namur, 9:30 p.m.

Monday**Pokemon (New Release, G)**

Richardson Theater, 7:30 p.m.

Double Jeopardy (New Release, R)

Yokwe Yuk Theater, 8:00 p.m.



The legs of Glen Eppich stick out of the nose of a Dash-7 as he installs an oxygen bottle. The plane is grounded while corrosion problems in the wings are repaired.

Dash-7s making comeback

By Jim Bennett

A Dash-7 aircraft could return to the skies this week, but not until after extensive work by the Aviation Department.

"We're not going to put an aircraft in the air until we're 100 percent sure it is safe," said Jack Beckett, Aviation Department deputy manager.

The aircraft, one of three grounded this month, experienced corrosion problems in the wings requiring the manufacture of reinforcement plates.

The grounding had nothing to do

with the emergency landing last November, when a nose landing gear collapsed. Instead, the problems have entirely focused on corrosion.

"That's our worst enemy out here," Beckett said.

Another aircraft is currently undergoing an Inspect and Repair As Needed procedure at a facility in Canada.

The third aircraft, which also has corrosion problems in the wings, will be temporarily repaired and flown to Canada for more extensive maintenance.

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WEATHER

Courtesy of Aeromet

Tonight: Increasing clouds with a chance for showers.

Winds: East-northeast to east at 10 to 15 knots. Higher gusts near showers.

Tomorrow: Partly cloudy with a chance for showers.

Winds: East to east-southeast 8 to 13 knots, with higher gusts near showers.

Temperature: Tonight's low 78°
Tomorrow's high 84°

Annual rain total: 13.42"

Annual deviation: +8.86"

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	Sunrise/set	Moonrise/set	High Tide	Low Tide
Tuesday February 1	/1856			2100, 1.7'
Wednesday February 2	0710/1856	0416/1612	0251, 3.7' 1503, 4.8'	0837, 1.6' 2133, 1.3'
Thursday February 3	0710/1856	0505/1701	0327, 4.0' 1536, 5.2'	0914, 1.3' 2203, 0.9'
Friday February 4	0710/1857	0554/1751	0358, 4.3' 1607, 5.5'	0947, 1.0' 2231, 0.7'